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tion for in-patients and was quite unfit for the requirements of the large population it was intended to serve. The Member therefore prayed for the early construction of proper buildings for the dispensary. He also requested that the Dewan might be pleased to visit Peermade and Mundakayam as early as possible.

Dewan's reply.—As I hope to visit Mundakayam soon, I shall look into the hospital and see if anything could be done.

KOTTAYAM DIVISION.

SHERTALLAY TALUK.

63. Improvement of communications.

Mr. Narayanan Nilakantan (Member, Shertallay Taluk) represented that the people of the taluk laboured under peculiar difficulties in the matter of communications. The question of providing roads and canals had formed the subject of several memorials to Government and representations at successive sessions of the Assembly. The Member said that the most urgent needs were a road and a canal to connect Alleppey and Shertallay and he requested that at least one of them should at once be sanctioned.

Dewan's reply.—There are several proposals before Government regarding the improvement of communications in the Shertallay taluk. I shall look into them and see which of them is feasible.

VAIKAM TALUK.

64. Cutting open of the Valianapuzha bund.

Mr. G. Krishna Pillai (Member, Vaikam Taluk) said that the Valianapuzha bund was constructed 20 years ago. As the scheme was not properly investigated before the bund was put up, the result was that the owners of 50,000 paras of paddy lands near Vaikam were unable to harvest their crops during the monsoon, owing to the flooding of the water from the river. The prayer of the ryots for cutting open the bund was not granted, as it was apprehended that the puncha lands of Vetchur proverthi would thereby be affected. The Member requested that the necessary works might be ordered to be carried out to let out the surplus water in times of flood.

Dewan's reply.—As the Public Works department consider that the cutting open of the bund is neither necessary nor expedient, Government must decline to sanction the proposal of the Member.

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